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AIR DISTRICT OFFERING GRANTS FOR CLEANER OFF-ROAD DIESEL EQUIPMENT

Lancaster – The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District is now accepting proposals from local businesses for up to \$868,740 in grants for projects which reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty off-road diesel equipment operated within the local air district's jurisdiction, which includes the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

Portable and stationary agricultural equipment and off-road compression ignited engines are eligible for repower or retrofit through the Carl Moyer Program. Off-road large spark ignition equipment and other off-road equipment are eligible for replacement or retrofit. Emergency vehicles are eligible for replacement only.

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis; however, the AVAQMD will only accept submissions for the Current Call for Projects through June 20, 2013 at 5:00P.M, at which time applications will be totaled and may be subject to competitive review. Priority will be given to agricultural off-road diesel equipment replacement projects.

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Under the state-funded Moyer program, monies are disbursed to local entities via participating air districts to fund the incrementally higher cost of cleaner, heavy-duty vehicles and equipment with emissions below applicable state and federal standards.

To obtain a Call for Projects package, or for more information, contact the AVAQMD at (661) 723-8070, ext. 8, or visit the District's website at www.avaqmd.ca.gov. It is recommended that applicants call the AVAQMD to discuss project applicability and estimated grant benefits before submitting an application.